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### DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

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# Access to Recovery (ATR) II and General Assistance Recovery Supports Program (GA RSP)

#### PROVIDER ALERT

November 10, 2009

**SUBJECT: New Housing Services** 

**EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2009** 

Effective December 1, 2009, the Department of Mental Health and Addition Services (DMHAS) will offer Supported Recovery Housing Services (SRHS) to individuals eligible for Access to Recovery II and the General Assistance Recovery Supports Program. This new transitional housing model will replace the sober housing services currently available through ATR II and GA RSP and will provide both housing and case management services.

DMHAS is in the process of negotiating contracts with SRHS providers who were chosen via competitive procurement. Once finalized, the listing of contracted SRHS providers will be available on the DMHAS website at <a href="https://www.ct.gov/dmhas">www.ct.gov/dmhas</a>.

Due to this transition, all current sober housing authorizations will end on November 30, 2009. Thus, providers and service recipients are encouraged to call ATR II or GA RSP with any questions about eligibility or bed availability for SRHS.

ATR II – 1 (866) 580-3922 GA RSP – 1 (800) 658-4472

#### **SRHS Reimbursement**

DMHAS will reimburse SRHS providers at a rate of \$16.67 per day (approximately \$500 per month) for individuals eligible for ATR II and/or GA RSP. There will be no additional cost to program recipients.

- GA RSP will reimburse a maximum of 60 days in a 12 month period, to include shelter services also paid via GA RSP
- ATR II will reimburse a maximum of 60 days
- The benefit maximum is based on the combined total of days paid by ATR II and GA RSP, including sober house payments prior to December 1, 2009

#### **Statewide Distribution**

Unfortunately, DMHAS did not receive responsive SRHS proposals for all desired areas of the state. The Department intends to address this issue by re-releasing a request for proposals for these communities.

Additional questions may be addressed to Jennifer Hutchinson at 860-418-6829 or at Jennifer.Hutchinson@po.state.ct.us.